

It is vitally important that ownership of broadcast stations be strictly limited. The public will never be served by monopoly or near-monopoly ownership of stations (radio or television) within a market. Damage is being done to public debate, individual choice, the arts, education of the public, and American culture in general by the dearth of voices being broadcast, and the damage will increase as the broadcast outlets are owned by fewer and fewer companies and individuals.

This is among the most important issues facing the government of the USA, in my opinion, and must be dealt with in a manner that benefits not corporations but the public.

The public--the American people--own the airwaves, and the government is charged with administering the airwaves on behalf of the public. Further relaxing ownership rules is directly contrary to that charge, and weakens this great country.

Please take the responsible course and increase restrictions on ownership of broadcast stations within markets.